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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
THE FORESTER  
AND REFER TO:

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Geographic Names

Mr. C. S. Sloan, Secretary,  
U. S. Geographic Board,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter to Mr. Greeley of July 10 relative to the proposed adoption of the name of "Goode Mountain" as a substitute for the name "Bonanza Mountain" as applied to a prominent mountain west of Lake Chelan in the State of Washington:

Information has just been received from the local officials of the Forest Service to the effect that the proposed change would meet with a great deal of local protest and dissatisfaction and that the justification for the change is untenable in view of the actual facts and the regular principles followed by the Board. The District Forester at Portland reports that an investigation has determined that the confusion was initiated by a mistake on the part of the Geological Survey when the name "North Star Mountain" was applied to the peak in

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question. This mountain has always been known locally as "Bonanza Mountain" and the peak about two miles to the southwest is known as "North Star Mountain". The Stehekin Quadrangle accompanying indicates the proper nomenclature according to local usage. These names were universally applied to the respective peaks by the miners, prospectors and others who first entered the region which without doubt establishes their priority. Furthermore, the names are distinctive, euphonious and at present are in general use, thus there seems no excuse for changing them and causing the confusion which must naturally follow.

The sentiment employed in the naming of geographic features after distinguished scientists is wholly commendable but it is felt that the great number of unnamed features should offer a sufficient field for the purpose & that the nomenclature at present well established in local usage should remain undisturbed. In view of the facts presented above, it is hoped that the matter may be reconsidered by the Board at one of the early meetings.

Very truly yours,

  
Acting Forester.

Enclosure.